

### REMARKS

Claims 1, 3-5, 7-8 and 10-12 were examined. Claims 1 and 8 are amended.  
Claims 1, 3-5, 7-8, and 10-12 remain in the Application.

The Patent Office rejects Claims 1 and 8 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph.  
Applicants amend Claims 1-8. Applicants respectfully request that the Patent Office  
withdraw the rejection to Claims 1 and 8 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph.

### CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, it is believed that all claims now pending patentably  
define the subject invention over the prior art of record and are in condition for  
allowance, and such action is earnestly solicited at the earliest possible date.

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